

c. 1870

BA 1636  
Stevenson Store and Warehouse  
(Flower Shop)  
Hillside and Stevenson Rds.  
Stevenson, Md.  
private

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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### 1 NAME

HISTORIC (FLOWER SHOP)  
STEVENSON STORE and WAREHOUSE  
AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Hillside and Stevenson Rds.

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson

Second

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

Baltimore

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

—DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
—STRUCTURE  
—SITE  
—OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
—BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS  
—BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
—UNOCCUPIED  
—WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
—YES: UNRESTRICTED  
—NO

#### PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL —PARK  
—EDUCATIONAL —PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
—ENTERTAINMENT —RELIGIOUS  
—GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC  
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION  
—MILITARY —OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Oden P. Long

STREET & NUMBER

Stevenson

Telephone #: 486-7233

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

21153

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 3968

Folio #: 250

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stevenson Store is at the northwest corner of Stevenson Road and Hillside Avenue, facing east, oriented to Stevenson Road. Connected to its rear or west side is a Warehouse, its long facade facing north, oriented to the former railroad, a siding of which formerly extended close to and parallel with the north facade.

The STORE is of frame construction, two storeys in height, five bays in length, its exterior walls sheathed in straight-sawn vertical boards with chamfered straight-sawn battens, its roof a simple gable.

A one-storey porch shelters the four southerly bays and the fifth or northerly bay is slightly wider. The principal entrance is in the center bay and it is flanked by wooden bay windows, each with fixed sash having two lights in the diagonal faces and four in the wider central panel. The walls beneath the windows are paneled. A third bay window is in the extreme northerly bay, each face with a 4/4 window. Second storey windows were 3/3 but some sash have been modified with a single large light. Windows of the ends are 6/6, two in the first storey, one centered in the second.

The interior is a single space with contemporary commercial finishes and fittings. Above the suspended acoustical ceiling is the original of beaded boarding. The second storey is now a rented apartment; formerly it was employee's quarters.

The hyphen structure which connects the STORE to the WAREHOUSE is built over a small stream.

The WAREHOUSE is also of frame construction, two storeys in height, five bays in length, its exterior walls sheathed with straight-sawn vertical boards with chamfered straight-sawn battens, its roof a simple gable. Entrances to both storeys are in the second and fourth bays. Above are gables in the roof slightly raised as semi-dormers. The principal roof and the gables extends beyond the walls with a wide raked overhang supported by exposed rafters and outlookers.

6/6 windows are in the central and westerly bays, and two are in the west end in both storeys.

Each door is a single wide sliding door with perimeter and cross stiles and rails over diagonal wainscotting.

The interior is a single space with contemporary utilitarian commercial finishes and fittings.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The STORE and WAREHOUSE are two commercial structures probably dating from the third quarter of the nineteenth century. These structures retain nearly-unchanged exteriors and they are still used for commercial enterprises. The verticality of the board-and-batten, and the multiple gables of the WAREHOUSE, suggest a Gothic-revival style for these utilitarian structures.

The Store and Warehouse were built about 1870 at Stump's Ridge and Garrison Forest Road (now Hillside and Stevenson Rds.) by the Northern Central Railway. Since 1857 the Northern Centeal Railway operated trains passing next to the store bringing commodities to the area. For many years the store was leased to Hilgerman and Bruin and was the familiar "Country Store" where the neighborhood could buy anything from groceries to wood and coal. On Sundays during 1906-7, services for the Stevenson Methodist Church were held here while the Church at Stevenson and Green Spring Valleys Roads was being completed. The store remained a "grocery" store until 1968. For several years it was a plant nursery but in 1972 it became Flowers & Fancies, a florist shop and catering service.

Footnotes

Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, 2 vols. (Baltimore, The Maryland Historical Society, 1978)

Conversation with Mr. Oden Long, owner, February 10, 1980.

DEED SEARCH - Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liber</u>	<u>Folio</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>
1924	680	459	Northern Central RR	Fidelity Trust, Trustee
1937	3968	250	Fidelity Trust	Oden P. Long

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dawn F. Thomas and Thomas W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, (Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1978)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James T. Wollon, Jr., A.I.A./Leona North, Research Historian

ORGANIZATION

Valleys Planning Council

STREET & NUMBER

212 Washington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

DATE

April, 1980

TELEPHONE

828-7807

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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